

Notice was duly published August 27, 2020 on page 5 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on September 1, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Mary Ridder called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 AM. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. Chair Ridder stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comments were received. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Wednesday, September 2, 2020:

911-073/ New funding system for Next Generation 911 -- **Hearing**
PI-232 10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room
Commissioner Schram - Hearing Officer
Remote access to the meeting will be available via WebEx or by telephone. Information for connecting may be accessed at the following link: <http://tiny.cc/State911DeptWebex> (case sensitive). Those wishing to attend anonymously may use "anonymous" for their name and "a@b.com" for their email address. To attend by telephone, dial 415-655-0003, then enter 929 828 733 when prompted for an access code.

Tuesday, September 15, 2020:

Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to ratify all actions taken during the Commission Meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5122/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
DC-96 its own motion, regarding the 2019 Annual Report filings.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5124/ In the Matter of the Application of Midstates Data
NUSF-118 Transport, LLC, Norfolk, Nebraska, for Designation as an
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of
Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by
Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order approving application.
Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary
Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5140 In the Matter of the Application of Leonard and Diana
Rainforth, Doniphan, seeking authority to receive telephone
service from the Doniphan exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company.
Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim
Schram, to enter an Order setting a Hearing for October 8, 2020, at
10:00 a.m., Central Time, at the Doniphan Event Center, 103 W Pine
Street, Doniphan, Nebraska, and via videoconference. Motion passed
with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim
Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5152 In the Matter of the Application of AT&T Corp., Bedminster,
New Jersey, seeking authority to discontinue residential
local exchange services in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Dan
Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order
granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson,
Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting
AYE.

Cullen Robbins discussed the 2020 Annual Report on
Telecommunications to the Legislature. Motion made by Commissioner Dan
Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the 2020
Annual Report on Telecommunications. Motion passed with Commissioners
Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan
Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5156 In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation dba
CenturyLink, QC, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of a
Resale Forbearance Amendment to their Interconnection
Agreement with FiberComm, LLC, Sioux City, Iowa, previously
approved in Docket C-2610.

C-5157 In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a
CenturyLink QC, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of an
ILEC-CLEC Mid-Span Meet POI Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement
with Three River Communications, LLC, Lynch, Nebraska, previously
approved in Docket C-2895. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram,
seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter Orders approving
applications C-5156 and C-5157. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier
voting AYE.

C-1628/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking
NUSF to conduct an investigation into intrastate access charge
P.O. #36 reform and intrastate universal service fund: Northeast
Nebraska Telephone Company and Clarks Telephone Company.
Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner
Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting Northeast Nebraska
Telephone Company and Clarks Telephone Company's request to report its
earnings on a 3-year average, total company basis. Motion passed with
Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram
and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-37.384 In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director of the
Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public
Safety Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission,
Complainant v Local Access, LLC, Respondent. Motion made by
Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to
enter an Order dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners
Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan
Watermeier voting AYE.

Cullen Robbins sought Commission approval to appoint Rodney
Triplett to serve on the NUSF Advisory Board representing Rural Health
Care. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve new Rural Health Care
representative, Rodney Triplett, to the NUSF Advisory Board. Motion
passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder,
Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Cullen Robbins informed the Commission of the telecommunications
complaints and outages received by the Communications Department
during the preceding month.

Outages for August 2020							
Carrier	Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Lines Affected	Primary Cause	Comments
Qwest Corporation	Valentine	Aug-09-20	Aug-09-20	0 d 8 h	1464	Equipment	Valentine Switch is not processing toll calls. Toll Switch Isolation
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Aug-09-20	Aug-10-20	0 d 18 h	111	Equipment	A portion of the Omaha switch is not processing calls. Service to customers was restored with a new card for a circuit in the central office. The outage was for 17 hours.
Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC	Omaha	Aug-10-20	Aug-11-20	0 d 14 h	5900	Other	High winds caused outage. All lines are VoIP lines
Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	Hebron, Davenport, Ong, Carleton, Shickley, Bruning.	Aug-19-20	Aug-19-20	0 d 0 h	632	Cable Cut	Fiber damage near Road U and Hwy 18 in Hebron, Ne. A 24-cut cable was disturbed by a plow. Windstream contractor pulled slack and spliced the damaged fiber to restore service.
Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	Panama	Aug-25-20	Aug-25-20	0 d 7 h	275	Cable Cut	E911 DMS100 remote PLMY in Palmyra, NE is down affecting 227 voice lines. Services were impacted by a fiber cut between Palmyra and Panama. Damage was caused by a lawnmower cutting a temp fiber on the ground. Windstream contracted SSP dispatched for repair and replaced 1500 ft of 6-count fiber to restore service.
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Aug-25-20	Aug-25-20	0 d 6 h	150	Cable Cut	MUD cut the cable as they were installing water lines. The locates were there and were visible and accurate, but MUD cut through. They are working toward charging MUD for the cable cut.
Qwest Corporation	Scottsbluff, NE & Torrington, WY	Aug-25-20	Aug-25-20	0 d 5 h	1273	Equipment	Remote switch in Scottsbluff not processing calls. Field Operations rebooted the router.
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Aug-25-20	Aug-26-20	0 d 16 h	550	Damaged Cable	In close proximity to other Aug. 25th Omaha cable cut - also a result of MUD hitting cable when installing a water line.
Qwest Corporation	Omaha	Aug-26-20	Aug-28-20	2 d 8 h	108	Cable Cut	Local Loop
Qwest Corporation	Bennington	Aug-27-20	Aug-28-20	1 d 4 h	148	Cable Cut	

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-042.62 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Colfax County. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

911-042.66 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Antelope County. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson to enter an Order approving use of set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

LR-359/ In the Matter of Premier Limousine, Kearney, seeking to
B-2013 establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions
of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by
Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to
enter an Order granting rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier
voting AYE.

MR-1023/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
PI-234 its own motion, seeking to investigate the prescription of
reasonable rates and charges for regulated motor carriers
providing ground transportation for passengers at Eppley Airfield.
Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner
Rod Johnson, to enter an Order opening docket and scheduling a
workshop. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal
Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve submitting
the Commission's budget request for the 2021-2023 biennium. Motion
made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim
Schram. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim
Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades
voting NAY.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM with Commissioners Rod
Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier
present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on
September 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the
office of the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on September 14, 2020.

Chair

Executive Director